



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 333

LCO No. 1653

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN MARRIAGES
AND CIVIL UNIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 46b-22a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 All marriages celebrated before [June 7, 2006] the effective date of
4 this section, otherwise valid except that the justice of the peace joining
5 such persons in marriage did not have a valid certificate of
6 qualification, are validated, provided the justice of the peace who
7 joined such persons in marriage represented himself or herself to be a
8 duly qualified justice of the peace and such persons reasonably relied
9 upon such representation.

10 Sec. 2. Section 46b-24a of the general statutes is repealed and the
11 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

12 All marriages celebrated before [June 7, 2006] the effective date of
13 this section, otherwise valid except that the license for any such
14 marriage was issued in a town other than the town in this state in

15 which such marriage was celebrated [,] or [where] in which either
 16 party to the marriage resided at the time [of the marriage license] the
 17 application for such license was made, are validated.

18 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) All civil unions celebrated before
 19 the effective date of this section, otherwise valid except that the justice
 20 of the peace joining such persons in such civil union did not have a
 21 valid certificate of qualification, are validated, provided the justice of
 22 the peace who joined such persons in such civil union represented
 23 himself or herself to be a duly qualified justice of the peace and such
 24 persons reasonably relied upon such representation.

25 (b) All civil unions celebrated before the effective date of this
 26 section, otherwise valid except that the license for any such civil union
 27 was issued in a town other than the town in this state in which such
 28 civil union was celebrated or in which either party to the civil union
 29 resided at the time the application for such license was made, are
 30 validated.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	46b-22a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	46b-24a
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To validate the celebration of certain marriages and civil unions otherwise valid except for the fact that the justice of the peace did not have a valid certificate at that time or that the license was issued in the wrong town.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]